



**National Marine Sanctuaries Foundation
White Water to Blue Water
Request for Proposals**

As part of the White Water to Blue Water (WW2BW) initiative, the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation seeks proposals to facilitate and strengthen partnerships in support of sustainable development in the Wider Caribbean. Funding for this effort is made available through a grant from the United States of America's Department of State Third Border Initiative and OES Initiative Economic Support Funds. Grants will focus on building partnerships to address four major theme areas:

1) Integrated Watershed Management

Grants would build partnerships to address activities impacting the watershed such as agriculture, forestry, land use and planning, tourism, and wastewater treatment.

2) Marine Ecosystem-Based Management

Partnership grants would focus on approaches to ensuring the long-term productivity and sustainability of the living resources and the environment.

3) Sustainable Tourism

Grants would enhance efforts to protect the marine environment through sustainable tourism.

4) Environmentally Sound Marine Transportation

Partnerships to help reduce operational and accidental impacts on the marine environment from boats and ships.

The Foundation

The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation was established in July of 2000. The Foundation's mission is to develop conservation-based education and outreach programs designed to preserve and protect the marine environment.

White Water to Blue Water

WW2BW is a World Summit on Sustainable Development initiative to promote healthy, well-managed and productive marine and coastal ecosystems that support stable and secure economies and livelihoods in coastal countries. These grants serve as a catalyst to facilitate and strengthen partnerships to address theme areas and achieve mission goals.

About the Awards

- Total funding available is approximately \$290,000
- Awards will range from \$10,000 to \$25,000
- A 1:1 match is required. Government, private sector or non-profit funds and in-kind support may be used for matching

- Funding is for 1 year

About the Application Process

Timeline

- Proposals must be submitted electronically by midnight on May 15, 2006.
- Final awards will be announced by July 30, 2006.

Eligibility

- Eligible applicants are non-governmental organizations and international organizations in the wider Caribbean region.

Funding Restrictions

- Funds may not be spent on food, alcohol or entertainment.

Application

- Project narrative may not exceed five pages and must contain: A) project title and goal; B) project description; C) budget, schedule and milestones, including description of matching funds or in-kind services; and D) how the program goals and milestones will be evaluated, E) Project lead and partners, including contact information.
- The CV or resume of primary recipients are required in addition to the project narrative;
- Statements of participation from partners are required and may be sent in separately by the May 15, 2006 deadline.
- Proposals must be in English.
- Proposals must be submitted electronically to grants@nmsfocean.org by midnight on May 15, 2006 and include WW2BW in the subject line of the e-mail.

Review Process

Proposals will be reviewed by a minimum of three reviewers. Reviewers will be asked to evaluate six criteria in the following priority order:

- Importance or relevance to one or more of the four priority theme areas.
- How well the project leverages partnerships, with additional consideration given to proposals that involve multiple sectors (private sector, other governmental, etc.);
- Whether the proposed activity is technically sound and if the methods are appropriate to reach the project goals and objectives;
- Whether the participants possess the necessary experience to accomplish the project;
- Whether the project costs are realistic to complete the project in the time frame; and
- Whether there is a means to evaluate the success of the project in meeting goals and objectives.

Reporting Requirements

Awardees must submit to the Foundation progress reports on February 1 and August 1 of 2007 and a final report within 90 days after completion of the project. The Foundation will provide standard reporting forms.

For Additional Information

- Visit the White Water to Blue Water web site at www.ww2bw.org.